

1. The first step in the process of identifying a problem is to recognize that a problem exists. This is often done by comparing current performance with a desired state or goal. If there is a discrepancy, a problem is identified. For example, if a company's sales are declining, this would be a problem that needs to be addressed.

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